EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on December 18, 2010, a series of severe rainstorms began to sweep across California, bringing high winds and significant amounts of precipitation; and

WHEREAS these severe storms are causing harm to people and property, flooding homes and infrastructure, damaging public and private facilities, closing roads and highways, and requiring emergency response and debris clean-up; and

WHEREAS flood conditions caused by these storms are causing the evacuation of residents and the opening of emergency shelters; and

WHEREAS the weather forecast is for extraordinary and continuing rainfall, which will pose a continued threat of flooding in urban areas and small streams and rock slides and debris flow in the recent wildfire areas, damage to flood control systems, slope failure, erosion, and in coastal regions the potential for harbor damage and tidal surge; and

WHEREAS on December 18, 2010, Orange County proclaimed a local emergency; and

WHEREAS on December 19, 2010, Kern County proclaimed a local emergency and reiterated this proclamation on December 21, 2010; and

WHEREAS on December 20, 2010, Tulare County proclaimed a local emergency; and

WHEREAS on December 21, 2010, the counties of Riverside and San Luis Obispo proclaimed local emergencies; and

WHEREAS San Bernardino County is expected to declare a local emergency; and

WHEREAS the circumstances of these storms, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of section 8558(b) of the California Government Code, I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the storm conditions in the counties of Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo and Tulare.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the state Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, section 8625 of the California Government Code, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist within Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, and Tulare counties.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of my California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and the State Emergency Plan, and that Cal EMA provide local government assistance under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of December 2010.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State